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Brian C. Cooley Douglas P. Hanel, MD Robert B. Anderson, MD Mark D. Foster, MD John S. Gould, MD

The Influence of Diabetes on Free Flap Transfer: II. The Effect of Ischemia on Flap Survival

Free groin and muscle flaps were transferred from streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats to syngeneic normal rats after various ischemic flap storage periods. No difference in flap survival was seen after seven days when compared with flaps transferred from normal rats, suggesting that the vascular changes of diabetes mellitus are not sufficient to compromise free flap transfer.

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508 Characteristics of Prosthetic Mesh and Autogenous Fascia in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction after Prolonged Implantation

A 1-year study of abdominal wall reconstruction in 24 rats demonstrated superiority of autogenous fascia over Gore-Tex patch and Marlex mesh in suture line strength and in paucity of adhesions, although the fascia's tensile strength was less than that of the prosthetics.

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512 Coverage of Widely Separate Defects of the Lower Extremity: Application of Cluster Analysis

A mathematical analysis of cluster patterns of cutaneous perforating arteries in the radial forearm flap was based on latex-injection studies. This permitted execution of a complex two-part foot reconstruction with a single radial forearm flap via a single artery.

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517 The Medial Arm Flap

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